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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)

First named inventor: Kenneth Gerald Blemel

Application No.: 09/966,397

Art Unit: 2857

Filed: 09/28/2001

Examiner: West, Jeffrey R.

Title: Embedded System for Diagnostics and Prognostics of Conduits

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**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

**1. Petition fee**

☒ Small entity-fee \$ 750.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

**2. Reply and/or fee**

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B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ 0.00

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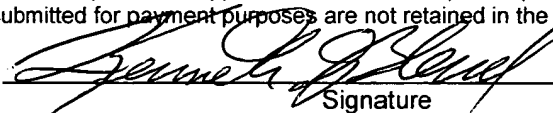
## 3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

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**STATEMENT OF UNINTENTIONAL DELAY**

Sir:

This is a statement of unintentional delay to support the Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally (Form PTO/SB/64) for the Patent Application Number 09/966,397 per phone conversation with Mr. Jeffrey West on October 27, 2006 by Ms. Okmi Jun Blemel.

I misunderstood the examiner's suggestions for four (4) separate patents as having to submit four (4) separate divisional applications instead of continuing with three (3) divisional applications along with the amended original patent application. I misunderstood that continuing with four (4) divisional applications also kept the original application active as a "parent" reference. Therefore two (2) divisional applications have been submitted instead of an amendment to the original application. The first divisional application containing claim 1 was mailed on June 22, 2006 and filed on June 26, 2006. The second divisional application containing claim 42 was mailed on August 25, 2006 and filed on August 28, 2006. Please note that the first divisional was mailed within the time period allowed for a response to Office Action of March 23, 2006 for the original application.

The divisional application containing claim 1 has received its own application number and is currently under review.

The divisional application containing claim 42 has received its own application number, however it will be amended to delete claim 42 and add claim 2. This amendment will be mail by November 17, 2006.

A new divisional application containing claim 3 will be prepared and submitted in the near future.

As for the original application, I am submitting an amendment containing claim 42, along with this petition, based on the examiner's comments, rejections and objections in Office Response of March 23, 2006.

This petition should be in condition for a favorable examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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